



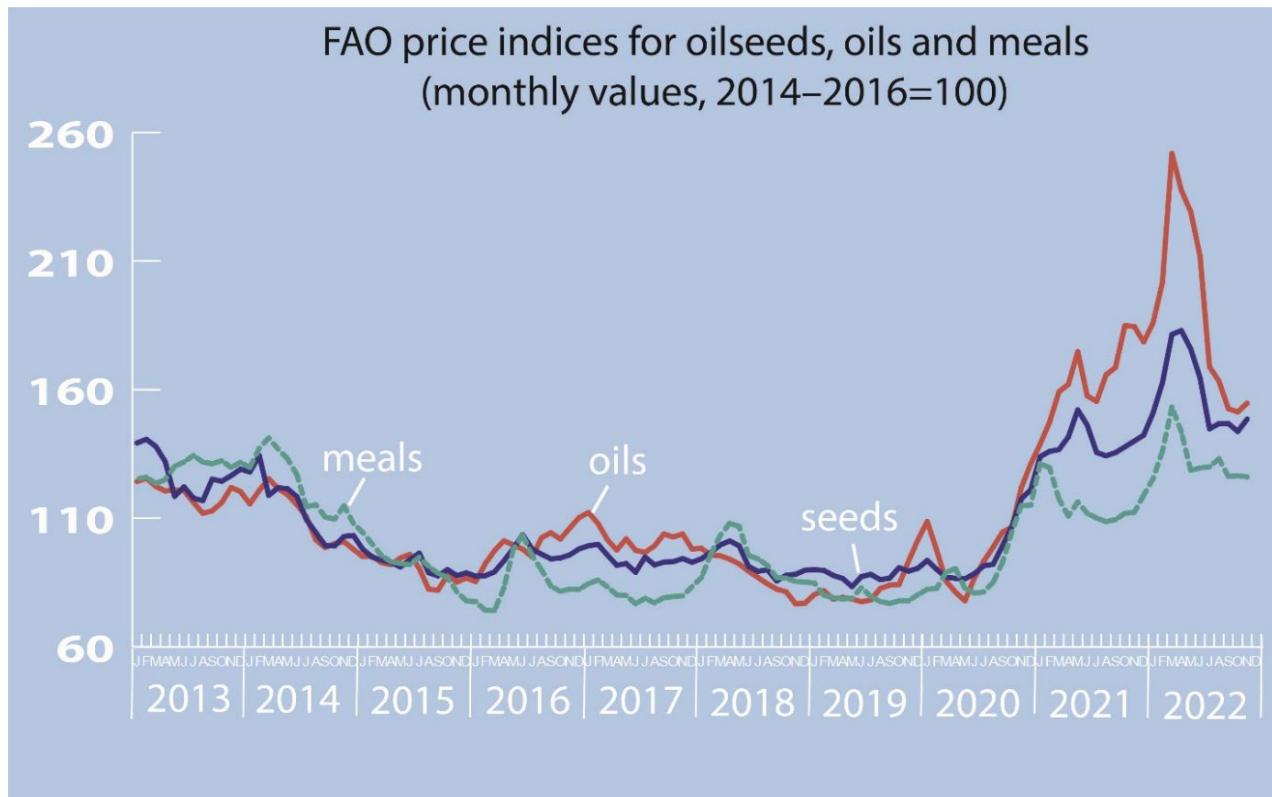
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In November, the FAO price index for oilseeds continued to fluctuate within the range observed in recent months, up 4.8 points (3.3 percent) from the previous month, while the oilmeal price index fell marginally (0.5 points or 0.4 percent). Meanwhile, the vegetable oil price index increased by 3.4 points (2.3 percent), after declining for seven consecutive months. The price indices for oilseeds and oilmeals remained above their respective values in the corresponding month last year, whereas the vegetable oil index was down 16 percent from its year-earlier level.

The latest increase in the oilseed price index mainly reflected higher values of soybean, sunflower seed, and rapeseed. International soybean prices rose in November, chiefly underpinned by concerns over adverse weather conditions in pockets of major growing regions in South America. In particular, severely delayed planting progress due to protracted dryness across soybean sowing areas in Argentina have cast a shadow over the country's production prospects. On the demand side, world soybean prices received support from continuing robust domestic

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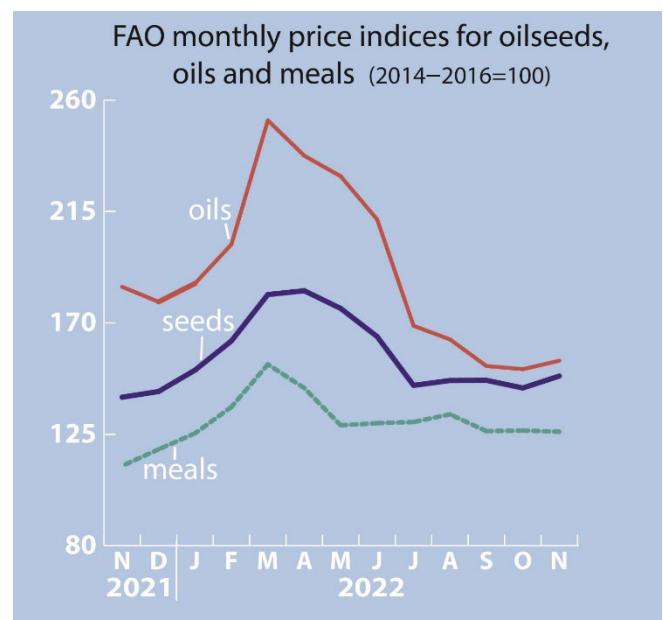
Global price review – *cont'd*

demand in the United States of America, thanks to persistent favourable crush margins. As for sunflower seed, international prices rose marginally for the second consecutive month, largely on account of harvest delays coupled with reserved farmer selling activities in the Russian Federation. In the case of rapeseed, renewed global import demand resulted in a timid increase in international quotations in November, despite expectations of abundant production across the world's leading exporters.

The oilmeal price index remained practically stable in November, mostly driven by steady soymeal values – the dominant component of the index. Notwithstanding an unfavourable production outlook in Argentina, prospects of a sluggish demand from the livestock sector tied to global economic recession weighed on international soymeal prices. As for sunflower meal, world quotations recovered in November, buoyed by reduced crushing activities in Ukraine amid an electricity shortage due to the war.

With regard to vegetable oils, the moderate increase of the index in November was driven by higher world palm and soy oil prices, more than offsetting lower rapeseed and sunflower oil quotations. Following a nearly uninterrupted decline since April 2022, international palm oil prices rebounded in November. Besides renewed global import demand owing to competitive prices

relative to those of other edible oils, concerns over lower production potentials due to excessive rainfall in parts of major growing regions in Southeast Asia lent support to palm oil prices. Meanwhile, world soyoil prices rose slightly, chiefly underpinned by persistent, robust demand from the biodiesel sector, particularly in the United States of America. By contrast, international rapeseed and sunflower oil prices dropped in November, weighed by, respectively, expected ample global supplies and the extension of the Black Sea Grain Initiative.



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FAO price indices (2014–2016=100) *			
	Oilseeds	Vegetable oils	Oilcakes/ meals
Annual (Oct/Sep)			
2012/13	132	120	129
2013/14	120	116	128
2014/15	95	93	99
2015/16	93	95	85
2016/17	95	103	81
2017/18	94	94	93
2018/19	88	80	81
2019/20	90	93	84
2020/21	133	149	115
2021/22	156	196	129
Monthly			
2021 - October	138	185	112
2021 - November	140	185	112
2021 - December	142	179	119
2022 - January	151	186	125
2022 - February	163	202	136
2022 - March	181	252	153
2022 - April	183	238	144
2022 - May	176	229	129
2022 - June	164	212	129
2022 - July	145	169	130
2022 - August	147	163	133
2022 - September	147	153	126
2022 - October	144	151	127
2022 - November	149	155	126

* FAO's price indices are based on the international spot prices of five selected seeds, ten selected vegetable oils and five selected cakes and meals. The indices are calculated using the Laspeyres formula; the weights used are derived from the export values of each commodity for the 2014–2016 period.

Source: FAO, based on Oil World data

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